anywhere in the country (except A&N Islands), including Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, with the help of small sized dish receiver units. New transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now not envisaged to be set up.

Linking Rajkot Doordarshan with satellite

1340. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) when the Rajkot Doordarshan will be linked up with satellite to allow live telecast of State-wise programmes,

(b) what is the proposal to broadcast Regional News for Saurashtra through All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra of Rajkot; and

(c) whether Government has prepared any proposal to establish F.M. Radio and expand Vividh Bharati Saurashtra and Kutch Region?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Prasar Bharati have informed that at present there is no scheme to link Doordarshan Kendra, Rajkot with the various transmitters in Gujarat which are linked to Doordarshan Kendras, Delhi and Ahmedabad through satellite for relay of National and Regional service programmes respectively.

(b) Setting up of one new Regional News Unit at All India Radio, Rajkot for Saurashtra Region in Gujarat is a part of the draft Eleventh Plan of AIR.

As far as Doordarshan is concerned, at present there is no such proposal to start Regional news for Saurashtra through Doordarshan Kendra, Rajkot.

(c) The following FM Stations of AIR are functional in Gujarat:

(i)	Ahmedabad	10 KV FM (Vividh Bharati)
(ii)	Godhra	6 KW FM
(iii)	Rajkot	10 KW FM (Vividh Bharati)
(iv)	Surat	6 KW FM (Vividh Bharati)
(v)	Vadodra	10 KW FM (Exclusive Vividh Bharati)

Replacement of 6 KW FM transmitter by 10 KW FM transmitter at Surat and 10 KW FM transmitter with receiving and play back facilities at Junagarh, schemes of Tenth Plan, are part of expansion and improvement of FM signals. 20 KW FM transmitter on TV Tower at Bhuj and 10 KW FM transmitter on TV Tower at Radhanpur is a part of draft Eleventh Plan.

Low viewership/listenership of DD/AIR

1341. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of viewers/listeners of Doordarshan and AIR specifically All India Radio, is very less when compared to the large network of DD and AIR Stations and the huge amount of public money spent on them;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the steps taken during the period to increase the viewership/listenership of Doordarshan and AIR;